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## **BATA contributes \$200 million in corporate tax**

British American Tobacco Australia (BATA) welcomed the release of Australian Tax Office (ATO) figures today showing that the company contributed \$200 million in corporate tax.

Released under the ATO's 'tax transparency' measures, the figures are for the year ended 31 December 2015 and show BATA's significant contribution. The exact disclosure is below:

<b>Taxpayer name and ABN</b>	British American Tobacco (Australasia Holdings) Pty Ltd ABN 23095066345
<b>Total Income</b>	\$1,809,681,635
<b>Taxable Income</b>	\$671,822,051
<b>Tax Payable</b>	\$200,372,150

It should be noted that the Total Income excludes the tobacco excise collected by BATA on behalf of the government (included in Total Income in previous years' disclosures).

In addition to the \$200 million in corporate tax, BATA also contributed \$370 million in GST and a further \$2.5 billion paid in tobacco excise – all for the 2015 year. GST and excise combined currently represent more than 70% of the retail price of tobacco products paid by Australian smokers.

"We support transparency in tax dealings with the government and are happy that BATA's significant tax contribution has been disclosed." Said Josh Fett, spokesman for BATA."

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## Notes for editors

The difference between the 'Total Income' and 'Taxable Income' in the disclosure is due to:

1. BATA is an Australasian business and receives dividends from subsidiaries in New Zealand, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Samoa and Papua New Guinea. Total dividends equal \$199 million. Tax on the underlying profits was paid in the relevant countries and the dividends are not taxed again in Australia.
2. These dividends are subtracted from our 'Total Income' together with operating costs and other adjustments required under the Australian tax legislation, resulting in 'Taxable Income' of \$672 million for the 2015 year.

### Key tax contribution for the 2015 year

Corporate income tax (Tax Payable)	\$200.4 million
Fringe benefits tax	\$2.9 million
State payroll taxes	\$4.3 million

### Other taxes collected in the 2015 year

Excise	\$2.5 billion
GST	\$370 million

### Group information

British American Tobacco (Australasia Holdings) Pty Ltd and its wholly-owned Australian resident subsidiaries are members of a tax consolidated group. The statutory accounts include the consolidated financial results of subsidiaries in New Zealand and South Pacific as well as Australia.

### ATO guidance

The Australian Taxation Office has published guidance in relation to the tax transparency disclosures which can be accessed at:

<https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Large-business/In-detail/Tax-transparency/Tax-transparency--reporting-of-entity-tax-information/>